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## **State Attorney Bain Establishes Violent Crimes Unit**

**NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, Fla.** – State Attorney Andrew Bain announced today the creation of a Violent Crimes Unit at the State Attorney’s Office in the Ninth Judicial Circuit. State Attorney Bain recognizes the ongoing need for targeted efforts to combat violent crime and gun crime in Orange and Osceola counties.

“Our office is determined to meet the most violent criminals with our most aggressive prosecutors,” State Attorney Bain said. “The Violent Crimes Unit is made up of five experienced prosecutors who have strong track records of prosecuting violent felony offenders. This unit will work to disrupt violent activity in our community and protect the public’s safety by swiftly and comprehensively moving serious cases through the criminal justice system to get these offenders off the streets. People deserve to live in a society without the threat of becoming a victim of violent crime and that is what we hope to accomplish with this unit.”

The Violent Crimes Unit started work on Feb. 12 and will be responsible for handling the most serious cases in our Felony Bureau except homicides, including:

- Attempted Murders
- Kidnappings
- Carjackings
- Home Invasions
- Armed Robberies

This dedicated unit allows prosecutors to work more closely with law enforcement to build solid cases and serves as a crucial crime prevention measure by mitigating the risk of serious offender’s potentially escalating to more severe and even capital felony offenses.

The Violent Crimes Unit is part of our Felony Bureau which is comprised of nine units.

Since coming into office six months ago, State Attorney Bain has prioritized addressing the shortage of experienced prosecutors in the circuit and has hired 25 assistant state attorneys to-date. There are now 165 prosecutors working to get justice for victims in our circuit and make our communities safer.

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